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1. ALTHOUGH I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH AID AUDITOR'S REPORT TO WHICH REMARKS IN REFTEL ARE ADDRESSED, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT AMBASSADOR UNGER'S COMMENTS ABOUT ABSURDITY OF CHARGING THAT US SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMS HAS GENERATED POLITICAL TENSIONS AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. I HAVE IN COOPERATION WITH RED BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH OUR EFFORT TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION AMONG SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES HERE AND IN SINGAPORE SINCE 1966 AND I DEVOUTLY BELIEVE US REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND RELATED EFFORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO A VITAL GROWTH THAT IS MOVING A REGION ONCE FRAGMENTED AND UNCCORDINATED TOWARD GREATER STRENGTH THROUGH A GROWING NETWORK OF REGIONAL TIES AMONG SMALL, INDEPEDENT, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. EFFORTS MADE BY RED AND INDIVIDUAL EMBASSIES TO ENCOURAGE INDIGENOUS INITIATIVE IN CREATING COOPERATIVE REGIONAL PROJECTS AND OUR HELP IN GIVING THEM LIFE, VITALITY AND STRENGTH HAVE SHOWN SOME REMARKABLE RESULTS.

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A NUMBER OF VIABLE INSTITUTIONS SERVING COUNTRIES OF

SOUTHEAST ASIA AND MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SOLUTION OF THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS ARE PART OF SOUTHEAST
ASIAN LANDSCAPE AND LEGACY OF IMAGINATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
EFFORT IN WHICH RED HAS PLAYED A KEY, THOUGH BEHIND SCENES,
ROLE. THEY ARE ALSO MONUMENTS TO CONSTRUCTIVE US CONTRI-
BUTION TO AREA WHICH DO US GREAT CREDIT. I AGREE WITH
AMBASSADOR UNGER THAT WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO
BUILD ON RATHER THAN DENIGRATE THESE CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS.
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